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APPARATUS OF PHASE SHIFT MASK BLANK

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.491(b), copies of US patents and US patent application publications are not enclosed herewith.

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The references cited herein were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated September 13, 2004, in related US application no. 10/771,997. A Notice of Allowance has been received in this case. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039 for the fee due.

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